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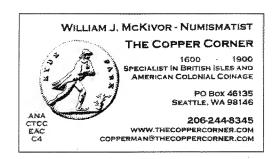
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Bill McKivor and "M. Boulton, Esquire"

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#### INTRODUCTION

MICHAEL GROGAN

#### **BRITISH TOKEN CONGRESS IN SEATTLE SPRING 2009**

Bill McKivor has announced that the first ever British Token Congress to be held in the U.S. will be in Seattle in 2009. This very significant event in our hobby should be well attended so start making plans to be there. More details are in Bill's article on page 8 of this issue. Contact him for further information.

#### THIS IS YOUR JOURNAL

This issue of the Journal, as usual, contains a variety of entertaining and informative articles for the enjoyment of our members. Unfortunately the entire Journal contents were contributed by only six members. Over the past few years, the vast majority of contributions have come from only ten to twelve dedicated members. I am confident that many more of our 200 plus members would enjoy writing for the Journal.

Original articles by our members are the heart of our Journal. You need not be a token "expert" to contribute an interesting and worthwhile article. Topics might include "My Favorite Token", "My First Token", "Lions on Tokens", a token book review, or any of dozens of other relevant subjects. Consider making a contribution to the next issue. I will be glad to help any member get started or put the final polish on an article. The Journal can only be as good as our members make it through their contributions. Note that any member contributing a major article will receive a special color cover of that issue as our thanks.

#### **EMAILED SPINK AUCTION CATALOG**

As a paid advertisement by Spink, copies of their January 20 auction catalog were emailed to about seventy CTCC members who had their email addresses on record with the club. Any member wanting a copy should email their request to me. To ensure receiving any future emailing, be sure your email address is current and listed with Rachel Irish.

#### ON THE COVER

Cornwall 4 tokens in gold and silver were auctioned by Dix Noonan Webb in their November 2007 auction. The gold token, though worn, is probably unique. The silver example is exceedingly rare. The tokens can be viewed in color on the club website <a href="http://www.conderclub.org/DNWCOR4.html">http://www.conderclub.org/DNWCOR4.html</a>. More information about the auction and the tokens can be found in Peter Preston-Morley's article on page 9 of this issue. DNW provided the images of these two important tokens.

#### THE GREYHOUND AND OTHER DOGS

#### By John Fisher

# "To his dog, every man is king; hence the constant popularity of dogs" Aldous Huxley

Conder tokens abound in depicting animals. From Bedfordshire to Wicklow, there are countless sheep, lions and horses. An amazing assortment of birds, snakes, pachyderms and even a stray nylghau color this coinage. Since an Englishman loves his dog, one would suspect that man's best friend would be well represented in the Provincial Token-Coinage of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, as listed by Dalton & Hamer. One would expect Yorkies, sheepdogs herding sheep and an English Bulldog or two, to complete the menagerie.

# "If you eliminate smoking and gambling, you would be amazed to find that almost all an Englishman's pleasures can be, and mostly are, shared by his dog" G. B. Shaw

Seeing how much the Brits love their dogs, I was surprised to discover only four dogs represented by these tokens in a page by page run through of Dalton & Hamer. There may be others lurking on these pages but they have escaped my detection. Three are hound dogs and the fourth is of uncertain lineage. The hounds are represented by a Greyhound, a Talbot and Spence's dog, which may be a mutt but appears to be a Bassett Hound. The other looks like a generic dog but may be a terrier; his best friend is a lion.

# "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man" Mark Twain

The American Heritage Dictionary defines a Talbot as "a large white or light colored hound of the English variety, having long ears and heavy jaws, formerly used for tracking or hunting." Each and every Talbot, represented by Suffolk 38-40, is in dog heaven because it is an extinct breed. The Talbot can be found on the coat of arms of Sudbury. It is to the eternal shame of Sudburians that this breed did not flourish. Get out your magnifying glass and check out this If you would like a better look, go to the animal. www.civicheraldry.co.uk/great london.html. Scroll down to the London Borough of Hounslow and in the crest is a better representation of the Talbot. Although the Suffolk piece is rather boring, its saving grace is commemorating the memory of this magnificent breed.



Suffolk 38 Image by Cheapside Tokens



A medieval representation of a Talbot

# "Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this." Anon

Thomas Spence was a cat lover. Middlesex 750-756 depict Spence's dog with the motto "Much Gratitude Brings Servitude". Spence's cat is muled with the dog on Msex 751. The cat's motto is "My Freedom I Among Slaves Enjoy". The dog is an allegorical representation of the 'swinish multitude' – those content, even grateful, to live on the scraps that may fall from the table of the aristocracy. Independence is what Spence cherished – the right to be a free man. He expressed this attitude with the cat, which was Spence's favorite token. He liked it so much that, he stipulated that some cat tokens be placed in his coffin. Spence would probably take a spin or two in his grave if he realized that a BU Middlesex 751 would fetch \$400-500 today.



Middlesex 755 Image by Cheapside Tokens

# "Heaven goes by favour. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in". M Twain

Middlesex 427-435, part of the Pidcock Series, show a dog and a lion. On one, the dog is astride the standing lion's back and on the other, the recumbent lion is embracing the dog with its front paws. They appear to be two different dogs; the standing dog has erect ears which appear to be cropped while the other appears to have floppy ears and a fuller body. It is hard to imagine however that two different dogs would be pals with a lion although it is a possibility. Anything can happen in a circus! R.C. Bell reports in his "Tradesmen's Tickets and Private Tokens" that the lion was, in point of fact, a lioness. The lioness lost her cub and the puppy was introduced and readily adopted by the lioness. A wonderful bonding of feline and canine!



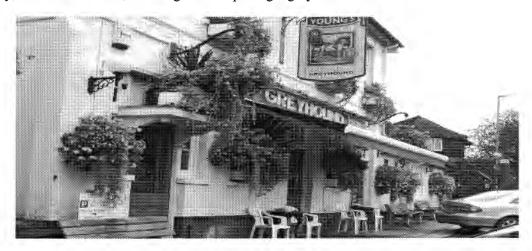
Middlesex 430 Image by Cheapside Tokens



Middlesex 435 Image by Cheapside Tokens

# "The difference between cats and dogs is dogs come when they are called, cats take a message and get back to you". Anon

The Greyhound is perhaps the most intriguing of all the canine tokens. Middlesex 324 shows a view of a church (St. Mary's of Hendon) on the obverse with a greyhound on the reverse with the name, B. Price, in exergue. My research into the issuer, Price, only revealed that he had a leasehold interest in The Greyhound, which was and still is to this day, a publick house in Hendon. The sign on the outside of the building depicted a greyhound and although the original sign is not there today, Young's Brewery, the current tenant, has a sign also depicting a greyhound.



While in London, after attending the 2007 Token Congress in Swindon, this writer took the tube to Hendon and made his way to see the three buildings at the address known as Church End. My first stop was the Hendon Farm Museum which is adjacent to the Greyhound and a visit with Gerrard Roots, the museum curator. After a tour of the museum, a real gem and well worth visiting, we went next door and had lunch at the Greyhound. The Greyhound burned down in the 1890s and the current building, while only a century old, has the feeling of something much older. After lunch, I toured St. Mary's – the church was locked but still looks much like the 800 year old building depicted on the token. The church and the Greyhound literally rub elbows with each other.

Samuels and Bell attribute Middlesex 325 to Price as issuer although his name is not on this token. There really is no proof, one way or the other, that Price was the issuer of the Garrick token. Both 324 and 325 share St. Mary's as the obverse but I cannot fathom why Price would issue a token featuring Garrick. Garrick did own a residence in Hendon, known as Hendon Hall. Skidmore used the St. Mary's obverse and proceeded to mule it with other reverses – see Middlesex 326-335. It is not known if Skidmore and his engraver (Jacobs?) manufactured Middlesex 324 and 325. All that is known is that Skidmore came into possession of the die of St. Mary's Church and used it to mule other tokens. It would seem reasonable, to this writer, that Skidmore and Jacobs, executed Middlesex 324 and 325 since he had possession of the die and the workmanship looks like his.



Middlesex 324 Image by Cheapside Tokens

The Greyhound, while listed as common in Dalton & Hamer, is increasingly difficult to find. Most Greyhound tokens are weakly struck and a well struck BU Greyhound is one rara canis.

#### Spring British Token Congress, Seattle, WA 2009.

I am happy to announce that I shall be hosting a British Token Congress in Seattle, WA. USA. It will be held in a major Seattle hotel between 15 April and 15 May 2009. All details will be listed below.

There are currently quite a few attendees to come from the UK, with two preparing talks for the occasion. Peter Preston-Morley of DNW has graciously offered to be a sponsor of the event, and we have a talk arranged from Dr. Richard Doty, past president of the CTCC and the curator of the National Money Museum at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. Allan Davisson will also attend and will be speaking.

Displays of British token collections, some of them surprising in scope, will be a feature as well if I can get the proper security in place.

Some of the British attendees, and I understand it could be as many as 30---and possibly even more!!---will speak on tokens that are "very British", and will entertain and enlighten the American attendees. There will, of course, be more of a leaning toward 18<sup>th</sup> C. Provincial tokens, as that is the American main interest.

There may be a cap put on the number who may attend, depending on what has been arranged. It must be arranged well in advance to get the services necessary in Seattle, and regretfully it will also be rather expensive. I cannot in all conscience put the congress in a hotel out of the mainstream, and leave people who have traveled up to 5000 miles to attend, often with their spouses, in a hotel with no access to the city. So, I have opted to put the congress in a superb location, on the waterfront below downtown Seattle if at all possible, with fine access to land and water tours, ferry boat rides, the Pike Place market, shopping, the Seattle Center, day trips to Victoria, and much more. I thus advise you to let me know if you are planning to attend as soon as is possible, and also to advise you that payment for the congress may be asked for in advance much earlier than usual. As this is the first American attempt to hold a Congress, there is no seed money and no backing in cash, so firm orders for rooms will be appreciated. To discuss, call me at (206) 244-8345, or E-mail copperman@thecoppercorner.com

It promises to be an event to remember. There has already been a good deal of interest both in the USA and in the UK, and with the event over a year away I have four talks set to go, and at least 60 attendees. If you wish to attend, please act now as it may fill up, even with the event not being until 2009!!

If you have a talk you wish to give, let me know. We can use informative or fun talks about tokens, with a total of about twenty needed, with the time for them from 20 minutes to 50 minutes each. If you require a power point projector, slides, or use transparencies, let me know your needs for visual aid during the talk. British attendees, the slides used in the UK are a different size than those used in a US projector. I am not sure about the power point programs; let us sort that out well before need.

The cost of the two nights and five meals will be determined by the next issue. If you wish lesser cost accommodations either before or after the Congress, I can arrange that in advance if you wish, or book you into the same hotel for the duration. Contact me if interested in attending and I shall keep your name on file for all updates. (206) 244-8345 <a href="mailto:copperman@thecoppercorner.com">copperman@thecoppercorner.com</a>

Bill McKivor CTCC #3

#### Strong collector demand continues to drive the market for British tokens

The small but specialist auction of British trade tokens held by Dix Noonan Webb on 8 November 2007 demonstrated that the market remains strong on both sides of the Atlantic for these interesting collectables, virtually regardless of condition. A total of 269 lots, representing the interests of 34 vendors, went under the hammer for a gross take of \$107,950 (\$124,144 including buyers' premium); there were 48 different buyers.

A good collection of 17th century Berkshire tokens, valued on the day at \$7,780 (\$8,948), opened the afternoon's activity. Lot 1, a group of 13 pieces from Abingdon, set the trend by easily doubling the pre-sale estimate at \$819 (\$943), while 37 different tokens from Reading collectively made \$2,373 (\$2,730) and the Norweb specimen of the heart-shaped halfpenny issued by Faringdon trader Richard Fowler in 1669 (BW. Berkshire 23) required \$525 (\$605). Forty lots devoted to a collection of East Anglian 17th century tokens were valued on the day at \$8,348 (\$9,600), while a run of duplicate 17th century Kent tokens from the very important collection formed by the late Robert Hogarth (1938-2003) brought in \$6,258 (\$7,197), advancing receipts for the entire Hogarth collection of Kent to \$53,256 (\$61,244). The small but attractive collection of 18th century tokens formed by the late Mrs Betty Grover was well dispersed, the 52 lots realising \$16,212 (\$18,644). Easily the star item here was an example of Peter Wyon's Sunderland penny, 1797 (DH Durham 2), which justified its billing on the preevent publicity by fetching \$1,365 (\$1,571).

The second half of the sale included a number of important 18th century tokens, including several in silver and, for the first time for over 100 years at a public auction, a token in gold. Despite exhibiting considerable wear from being a pocket-piece, the latter, a gold halfpenny struck by Matthew Boulton's Soho mint for the Penryn businessman George Chapman George in 1796 (DH Cornwall 4) and almost certainly the only known example, attracted considerable pre-sale interest, with Baldwin seeing off no less than four serious private collector commissions left with the auctioneers to secure the prize at \$6,720 (\$7,728); 70 years previously it had been acquired in Portsmouth for the equivalent of \$10.

Floor bidders also secured most of the silver tokens, including a comparable Penryn issue (DH Cornwall 4) for \$1,848 (\$2,125), an Exeter halfpenny of Samuel Kingdon, 1792 (DH Devon 3) for \$2,058 (\$2,366), a 1793 halfpenny issued for the ironmaster John Wilkinson (DH Warwickshire 394) for \$2,310 (\$2,657), a 1795 Sise Lane, London, halfpenny of Thomas and Robert Davidson with, importantly, their names on the edge (DH Middlesex 294a) for \$1,722 (\$1,980) and a 1791 halfpenny of the Birmingham Mining & Copper Co (DH Warwickshire 79) for \$1,365 (\$1,571). Among 18th century tokens in the more traditional copper, a very attractive example of Matthew Denton's 1796 penny for the Sunderland entrepreneur Rowland Burdon (DH Durham 3b) needed \$1,680 (\$1,932), a mule halfpenny by Skidmore with the Kidderminster reverse type (DH Middlesex 487 but the edge unpublished) cost \$1,785 (\$2,054), an Aberdeen halfpenny struck over a token of the Irish miners Camac, Kyan & Camac (DH 1b) made \$1,575 (\$1,812) and a most unusual farthing of Mary Lambe of Bath, struck on a halfpenny planchet bearing a specious edge naming Romney in Kent (DH Somerset 48a, recorded from this specimen), which had once belonged to the legendary collector Samuel Hamer, was hammered down for \$1,512 (\$1,739).

Elsewhere, an example of the largest copper coin ever issued in Great Britain, the Birmingham Workhouse sixpence of 1813 which weighs in at five and a half ounces (Withers 375), brought \$2,415 (\$2,778), and a French silver half-écu countermarked for the Adelphi cottonworks at Deanston, Perthshire (Manville 24), cost \$966 (\$1,111).

DNW's next specialist auction of tokens will be held on Thursday, 5 June 2008.

Peter Preston-Morley

# THE REBELLO COLLECTION OF COINS AND TOKENS

# Robert H. Thompson

#### The Rebello collection

The obituary of Rebello in the Gentleman's Magazine noted that he was 'a great admirer of the works of art, particularly coins, of which he had made an elegant and judicious collection'. His coin collection brought him into contact with museum curators, dealers, and doubtless other collectors, and Cecil Roth, the authority on Anglo-Jewish history, discerned that the change of attitude towards Jews at the close of the eighteenth century was probably due, in some measure, to personal intercourse with such persons as the art-patron David Alves Rebello.<sup>2</sup>

There is evidence of Rebello's other collecting interests in a surviving letter, dated from Hackney 4 August 1778, to the naturalist Emanuel Mendes da Costa (1717-1791), in which he arranged to buy some of da Costa's duplicate minerals. In October 1787, apparently through da Costa's influence, Rebello was elected a member of the Society for Promoting Natural History, whose property was subsequently taken over by the Linnean Society.<sup>3</sup>

The Rebello collection was not, however, recorded in any published catalogue, and in consequence it can be only partially reconstructed from references in other works, and from a transcript of a lost manuscript on the Anglo-Saxon portion. If Rebello collected tokens his collection was not drawn on by Samuel Birchall for his catalogue. The only reference found to a token in the Rebello collection is in a printed advertisement dated 30 July 1803, A

list of the Cabinets who have in their possession the Penny Token issued by me, Robert Orchard, Grocer & Tea Dealer: 'Mr Rebello, Hackney'. Since Robert Orchard's penny token is dated 1803, it must have been received by Isaac, or by another member of the family.

Before 1782 Rebello was credited with a single Anglo-Saxon coin by Dr Charles Combe (1743-1817), who listed coins of the kings of England and Great Britain with a note of the contemporaries from whose collections they had been recorded.<sup>6</sup> The two may have been acquainted, therefore, but there is nothing to indicate whether Dr Combe might have advised Rebello in his purchase of coins, as he did for William Hunter.<sup>7</sup> Whatever his collecting interests and principles, within a few years Rebello had added more than two hundred and fifty specimens to that single Anglo-Saxon coin.

When he made his will in 1794 he directed that 'in case my son and my two daughters Rachel and Ester should choose to keep all or any part of my collection of Books or Coins or Subjects of Natural History that they may be divided between them each taking that part that may best suit their inclination'. From their subsequent history it is clear that Isaac selected the coins. However, when the will was drafted it was evidently not apparent to his father that Isaac was numismatically inclined. This emphasises that the collector was first and foremost David Alves Rebello.

Dr Combe's son Taylor Combe (1774-

1826) was from 1803 Assistant Librarian in charge of the coins and medals in the British Museum. Already in 1803 he was supervising the engraving of thirty-three plates of representative specimens of Iron Age and Anglo-Saxon coins, although they were not published until 1819 (with others) by Rev. Rogers Ruding, who also printed an 'Explanation of the Plates' Taylor Combe had noted the name of the collector to whom each coin belonged, and he also listed the moneyers on Anglo-Saxon coins in those collections. His notes must have been destroyed in the wartime bombing of the British Museum, but thanks to the survival of a transcript made in 1812 it can be confirmed that the remarkably fine coins listed at the end were choice pieces in the collection of Isaac Rebello, and that at least 253 Anglo-Saxon coins were in his collection, including four of King Alfred (871-899), and eleven of King Harold II (1066).

A few of the notes indicate from whom his father had acquired the pieces, mainly the Tavistock Street coin dealer Richard Miles (1740-1819). Another source was Captain Robert Bootle (1693-1758), one of whose coins was 'bought at his sale by Mr Rebello' according to Ruding's text, although no Bootle sale catalogue is known, and much of Bootle's collection was bought by Miles in 1802. Isaac Rebello's collection, between his death in 1803 and Bryer's transcript of 1812, was sold to Edward Roberts Esq., M. Trattle Esq., and Mr Richard Miles who is said to have bought all the (Ancient) British and Saxon coins. To One penny of King Edgar (957/959-975) has been published in a British Museum catalogue with a provenance in the Rebello collection.11 Perhaps it should be explained that, although coinage was the earliest form of mass production, many coins are so rare that individual specimens can, like paintings, have provenances attached.

The above-named Edward Roberts, deputy clerk of the Pells in the Exchequer, must have bought for his younger son Barré Charles Roberts (1789-1810), whose fine collection had largely been formed before he was sixteen, and now enriches the British Museum.<sup>12</sup> Miles's coins were auctioned by Sotheby's in 1820, and Marmaduke Trattle's in 1832.<sup>13</sup> Their auction catalogues do not identify which pieces had been in the Rebello collection, although Trattle lot 35 does cite Ruding, plate 12, nos. 5 and 6, which were Rebello coins.

It seems unnecessary here to identify the coins further, beyond correcting misattributions; the excellent engravings by W. Parsons can speak for themselves. For some illustrations the authority given is Rebello and another collection; while it is uncertain in these cases whether Rebello's is the specimen engraved, clearly his coin must have been similar. Passages below in angled brackets are additions to Taylor Combe's notes from Ruding's printed text. The following should also be noted:

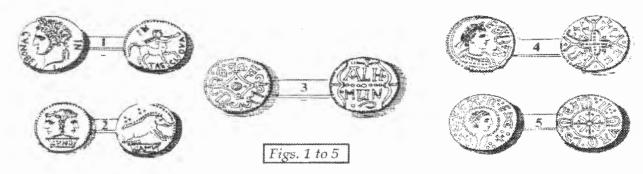
(a) British coins, pl.5, Cunobelinus, 31, is acknowledged to Rebello and to White in Ruding, but to the British Museum in Bryer's transcript.

(b) Anglo-Saxon coins, pl.5, Kings of Mercia: Offa, 26, is credited by Ruding to specimens in the Bodleian Library and in the Rebello collection, but Taylor Combe's list attributes the illustration to the former.

(c) pl.13, Archbishops of Canterbury: Ceolnoth, 5, is acknowledged by Ruding to Rebello and to Pembroke, but 'Rebello' is known to be an error for 'Rashleigh'. 34

(d) Ceolnoth, 4 on the same plate is credited by Ruding to Rebello and to Rashleigh, but in Bryer's transcript to Rashleigh alone.

There must be at least a doubt whether (a) and (d), as well as (b) and (c), were in the Rebello collection, and in consequence all four are omitted. The remaining Rebello coins on Taylor Combe's plates include the names of such historically important figures as Cunobelin (Figs.1-2), Shakespeare's Cymbeline; Offa, King of the Mercians (757-796), and builder of Offa's Dyke (Figs.3, 4, 5); Edmund, King of the East Angles (855-869), martyr and saint; Athelstan, first King of All



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Figs. 6 to 9

England (924/5-939), or of All Britain as the two coins style him; and (Fig.6) Edward the Confessor (1042-1066). By contrast there is also a coin of an otherwise unknown king, Ethelweard of East Anglia (c.845-855), who appears on pl. 26 as 'Aethelward' of Wessex.<sup>16</sup> There is a specimen of the extremely rare floral type (Fig. 7) of Edward the Elder (899-924), and an example (Fig.8) of his very rare type bearing what usually has been called a church-tower, but is more likely to be a reliquary or shrine.<sup>17</sup>

Finally, the Taylor Combe plates include from the Rebello collection (Fig.9) what was long supposed to be the unique representative of a coin-type of King Canute (1016-1035), inscribed CNVT REX AN for Cnut King of the English, and ODBION NORPI for the moneyer Othbi in Norwich.18 It bears, however, the types of the later Danish king Cnut the Holy or the Saint (1080-1086), whose coins have such suspiciously similar readings as CNVT REX DA for Cnut King of the Danes, and ODBIORN I L for Othbiorn in Lund (then ruled by Denmark). 19 Examination of the actual coin, which now lies in the Danish trays in the British Museum, does not reveal a solution through a hand lens. Rebello acquired the coin of Tasciovanus figured as plate 5.36 from White,20 i.e. the Newgate Street hatter and coin dealer John White (died 1787), who is suspected of having tooled false letters onto genuine coins. However, to know whether this 'Canute' coin is a John White forgery, which he imposed on Rebello, requires further investigation.

#### Tokens

By 1787 there was such a shortage of small change in Britain that large employers, led by the Parys Mines Company of Anglesey, manufactured copper pence and halfpence of their own. They naturally chose their own designs, in the Anglesey case the bust of a

Druid and a monogram of PM Co.; around this monogram were the words WE PROMISE TO PAY THE BEARER ONE PENNY (or HALF-PENNY), which continued in letters on the edge of the disk ON DEMAND IN LONDON LIVERPOOL OR ANGLESEY. The variety of designs created great interest, and led individuals to form collections of them. By 1795 there was a 'rage' for collecting these tokens, one consequence of which was the publication of catalogues, among them illustrated works. Another consequence was the creation of types specifically intended for sale to collectors, also various combinations of the dies between which the tokens were struck, and varieties of edge lettering. Finally, connoisseurs themselves might have a 'private token' made, for their own gratification, and for the pleasure of exchanging with fellow collectors.2

The earliest such private token is believed to have been Rebello's Hackney Promissory Token, of which a contemporary observer (and magistrate at Peterloo), Rev. William Robert Hay (1761-1839), stated that 'they were only given to his private friends'. In 1801 the engraver Charles Pye recorded the proprietor of what was virtually an anonymous issue as D. A. Rebello, the quantity struck as ten in silver and twenty-four in copper, with the observation' Private token'. The Hackney tokens need extended consideration, both because Rebello's halfpenny-size piece was counterfeited, and because those tokens were further complicated with 'muling', i.e. combinations of dies which



Fig. 10

were not originally intended for the same coin. This complex situation is best clarified by concentrating on the dies, obverse dies being identified by letters, and reverse dies by numbers. The genuine Rebello halfpenny will first be described, secondly the counterfeits, then the muled tokens, and finally the Rebello penny.

The Rebello halfpenny

For token [A]-[1] the standard reference is Middlesex 309 in Dalton & Hamer.<sup>24</sup> The token, dated 1795, had been produced by June of that year, and was very soon illustrated.<sup>25</sup>

[A] HACKNEYCHURCH | a view from the northwest of the old church with tower, a clock on the tower showing 4:09, and beside the tower a shield bearing the arms a chevron ermine between three herons; signed bottom left J M | MCCXC (Fig.10)

Maitland has a similar view of the old church, from which the obverse die might have been copied. A window, however, has been inserted on his plate in the proper position of the clock, which is placed too low. (Fig.11) On the token the clock is correctly placed, as may be confirmed from the surviving tower. The arms are for Heron, sable a chevron ermine between three herons argent. Other representations were carved between each arch of the nave, and placed in the chancel, to commemorate a sixteenth-century rebuilding of the church by Sir John Heron. The initials at bottom left are those of John Milton, third engraver at the Royal Mint 1787-97, and London's leading medallist and seal-engraver. The

professional skill and ability'.29 The date MCCXC (=1290) is approximately correct, for the vicarage had been endowed by 1291.30

[1] HACKNEY PROMISSORY TOKEN | DAR, a laurel wreath above, an aplustre and rudder in saltire below | 1795 (the numeral 1 curved) (Fig. 12)



Fig. 12

The swash letters crowned with laurel are the closest Rebello came to identifying himself on his token, and in consequence it has been consistently catalogued under Hackney, not under the issuer's name. His identity, nevertheless, was known to contemporaries such as Hay and (as noted above) the engraver Charles Pye. Incidentally, on Rebello's bookplate similar letters 'D A R' occur, with the crest, above, of a bird's right wing erect, and below, his name on a ribbon.<sup>31</sup>

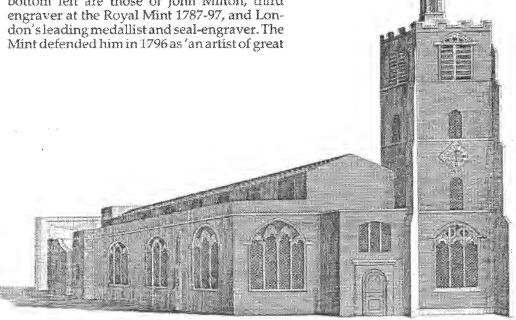


Fig. 11

The aplustre, hitherto described as a palm branch, was an ornament on the stern of ancient ships, composed of curved planks with streamers to show the direction of the wind. It seems to have been used to send signals, and to proclaim a triumph.<sup>32</sup>

The object crossing the aplustre has given rise to a number of identifications, but nevertheless another will now be made. A laurel wreath was a well-known symbol of triumph since Roman times. As regards the other elements, it seems not to have been noticed previously that exactly the same objects in saltire (though with aplustre rising from the left) are to be seen below Britannia on certain 1788 pattern halfpence, such as that in Fig.13.33 As with Britannia, where the association is more obvious, the suggestion here is that the object crossing the aplustre on Rebello's halfpenny is not a scuppit or grave-digger's shovel, not a knife or penknife, but that essential device for steering the ancient ship, a rudder. The thinking may have been that Rebello had triumphantly shipped home goods from such places as Portugal.



Fig. 13

#### The counterfeit tokens

The small quantity struck of what was reputedly the first private token resulted in its being in demand among collectors, and Pye recorded in 1801 that this halfpenny token had been publicly sold at £1 1s, (=£1.05).34 He added 'This was counterfeited in London', which refers to token [B]-[2] below, Middlesex 310b in Dalton & Hamer. A contemporary commentator indicates that this happened very quickly: 'No sooner was the proprietor deceased, but a counterfeit token was struck from very inferior dies, and sold to collectors at 2s. (=10p) each', and he added 'Impressions were taken on penny-pieces; which, I believe, had never been done by Mr Rebello; and the dies were interchanged and crossed into others'.33 The dies of this copy are attributable to Jacobs, who worked for the London manufacturer Peter Skidmore.<sup>36</sup>

[B] a copy of [A], without the signature J M, the church clock showing 10:35 (Fig.14)

[2] a copy of [1], the numeral 1 in 1795 straight (Fig.15). Edge plain





Figs 14 and 15

The same dies [B]-[2] occur more rarely with edges lettered as follows: PAYABLE AT MACCLESFIELD LIVERPOOL CONGLETON (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 310), the usual edge for the Macclesfield halfpence of Messrs Roe & Co.; and PAYABLE AT CRONEBANE LODGE OR IN DUBLIN (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 310a), the usual edge for the Cronebane halfpence of the Associated Irish Mine Company. These indicate the source of the disks that were used for the Hackney counterfeits, and they may point to the deliberate creation of varieties. Dies [B]-[2] also occur on larger, penny-size flans, with edge plain, struck without a collar (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 17a); and with the edge lettered ON DEMAND WE PROMISE TO PAY ONE PENNY (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 17). This last is engraved in the Virtuoso's Companion, p.138, a plate published 3 Nov. 1796, which shows that the counterfeit dies existed by this date.37

#### The muled tokens

The inferior obverse die [B] was also paired with other reverses, as follows. Unfortunately, Robinson was misled by [B]-[5] below, HACKNEY CHURCH with SHEFFIELD CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY, into supposing that 'Probably this was a token of a branch of that society at Hackney', but the mule was a variety produced to impose on collectors, and in no way amounts to evidence of a Hackney branch of the Sheffield Constitutional Society. Robinson even asserts that in the Virtuoso's Companion is a token bearing the words HACKNEY CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY around 'the same device as above'; but there is no such engraving.

[B] From the same die as above
[3] WE-PROMISE-TO-PAY-THE-BEARER-ON-DEMAND-ONE-PENNY-| PMC (monogram)
(Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 19).

[B] From the same die as above

[4] REVOLUTION PENNY | a from rampant supporting a shield of the royal arms of 1714-1801 and trampling symbols of Popery | palmbranch (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 20).

[B] From the same die as above

[5] SHEFFIELD CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY. ] fesswise on a pole between two oak branches a scroll bearing the motto PRO PATRIA, in chief a cap of liberty (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 18 b (penny) and 311 (halfpenny)).

There are also strikings of [B]-[5] on pennysize flans with edges lettered ON DEMAND IN LONDON, LIVERPOOL OR ANGLESEY 'X', and ONDEMAND WE PROMISE TO PAY ONE PENNY (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 18, and 18a, the latter corrected on p.552).

The inferior reverse 2 also was paired with other dies, as follows.

[C] Bust of Druid to left between two oak branches, signed W[iIson] on truncation

[2] HACKNEY PROMISSORY TOKEN..., as with [B] above (Dalton & Hamer, Anglesey 258).

[D] Within a wreath a bust of William III to right | 1688

[2] HACKNEY PROMISSORY TOKEN..., as with [B] above (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 22 (pennysize)).

[E] UNITE & BE FREE | on a pole an oval shield bearing the Union flag and inscribed BRITAIN, between two flags to left inscribed FRANCE and POLAND and two flags to right inscribed AMERICA and HOLLAND, the whole dividing 17-92 | TO PERSEVERE IS TO CONQUER

[2] HACKNEY PROMISSORY TOKEN..., as with [B] above

(Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 21 (penny size)).

These 'foreign' obverses, however, form true pairs with the 'foreign' reverses struck with [B], as follows.

[C] Bust of Druid, as above

[3] WE-PROMISE-TO-PAY..., as with [B] above (Dalton & Hamer, Anglesey 256; this copies the penny tokens of the Parys Mines Company).

[D] Bust of William III, as above

[4] REVOLUTION PENNY, as with [B] above (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 199; this refers to the 'English revolution' of 1688-9, when William and Mary replaced James II).

[E] UNITE & BE FREE, as above

[5] SHEFFIELD CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY., as with [B] above (Dalton & Hamer, Yorkshire 4 (penny size) and 61 (halfpenny size); there is an obvious connection.)

This pattern of die linking can be set out diagrammatically as in Fig.16. The die combinations [B]-[2], [C]-[3], [D]-[4] and [E]-[5] are true pairings, and all the others are concocted varieties. As far as Rebello is concerned, only Milton's work ([A]-[1] and [F]-[6]) should be attributed to him.

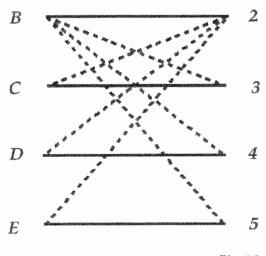


Fig. 16

The Rebello penny

The final piece to be considered is a very fine production by Milton. It resembles token [A]-[1], but is dated for the year of Rebello's death, constituting in effect a memorial to him by his son.

[F] HACKNEY CHURCH MCCXC | a view of a church with clouds above, gravestones before and houses either side, the clock showing 3:52 | *J Milton F* within a cartouche (Fig.17)

[6] MEMORIA IN ÆTERNA | below the sun in rays a figure of Father Time, winged and holding a sickle, supporting a shield inscribed David | Alves | Rebello, and seated on a collector's cabinet with one drawer pulled out, between book, coins, a globe and scientific instruments to left, a shell and a pot plant to right, signed M[ilton] | 1796 (Fig.18) (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 24).

There was also a trial piece on thin whitemetal, with the clouds on the obverse more prominent, and the reverse lacking the signature M (Dalton & Hamer, Middlesex 23). Pye (1801), pl. xxii.2 and 'Index', adds that the proprietor was J. [i.e. Isaac] Rebello, that the quantity struck was eight silver and twenty-eight copper specimens, and that 'This was engraved [on Pye's plate] by mistake; the proprietor having since declared it was not intended for a token, but for a medal'. It is indeed

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Figs. 17 and 18

of a medallic nature, but a contemporary annotation in the British Numismatic Society copy of Pye appears to read 'Milton co[n]tradicts this...', and it has normally been accepted as a token.

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#### Rebello coins on Taylor Combe's plates

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#### British coins

Pl.5, Cunobelinus, 17 ('Mr Rebello's coin of this type reads TASCIO VAIF'), 24 (White and Rebello), 33, 36 [these two actually of Tasciovanus] (Figs. 1, 2).

#### Anglo-Saxon coins

Pls.4-5, Kings of Mercia: Offa, 14 (Fig.4), 23, 38 (Fig.3), Pl.7, Berhtulf, 2, 4.

Pl.9, Kings of the East Angles: Eadmund, 3.

Pl.10, Kings of Northumberland: Eanred, 11.

Pl.12, Saints: St Peter, 5 (Bootle <afterwards Rebello and British Museum>), St Eadmund, 6.

Pl.14, Archbishops of York: Vulfhere, 3.

Pl.23, Sole monarchs: Cnut, 26 (Fig.9).

Pl.25, Edward the Confessor, 25 (Fig.6).

#### Appendix

Pl.26, British [actually Gaulish] (Bootle <bought at his sale by Mr Rebello>). Kings of the West Saxons: Aethelward [actually Ethelweard of East Anglia], 1. Pl.27, Kings of Mercia: Offa, 1 < Bootle (N.B. Bought of Mr Miles by Mr Rebello) > (Pig.5); Kings of Northumberland: Ethelred, 2, Osbercht, 1, 2.

Pl.28. Sole monarchs: Eadweard 1st [i.e. Edward the Elder], 1, 2 (Figs.7,8); Aethelstan, 1, 2, Eadgar, 2, Harold 1st.

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**Note:** Robert H. Thompson retired from Hackney Public Libraries in 2004. Born in Cardiff, he first published on coins in a 1959/60 school magazine, but has specialized on tokens for their opportunity to combine documentary research with technical studies. For the eighteenth century he has written on Thomas Spence as well as Rebello, but his main interest is the tokens of the previous century, which he has shown were made by the moneyers in the Tower of London. In 1997 he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, and in 2000 he was awarded the Sanford Saltus Medal of the British Numismatic Society. The seventh (City of London) volume of seventeenth-century tokens in the Norweb Collection was published in October 2007, and he and Michael Dickinson are now working on the county of Middlesex, in which they both live. A continuing search is for the 1658 token issued at New Street corner by James FOE, father of Daniel Defoe.

# **POST** script

### Robert H. Thompson

### The symbolism of the Rebello token

In Hackney History 3 Melvyn Brooks gave an account of David Alves Rebello (1741-96), a wealthy Jewish merchant resident in Hackney, best remembered for having issued what is usually considered the first private token of the 18th century. The reverse has 'HACKNEY PROMISSORY TOKEN' around the swash letters DAR, a laurel wreath above, and in the exergue the date 1795. Between the initials and the date are two objects the significance and meaning of which have been controversial. Dr Brooks mentions alternative descriptions of these as (a) a palm branch and scuppet, a scuppet being a shovel, of a type very useful for filling up if not for digging graves; and (b) a quill and penknife case.

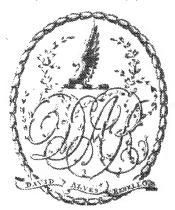




In an accompanying article I pointed to the presence of the same objects on pattern halfpence of 1788, and identified the 'scuppet' or 'penknife' as, alternatively, a rudder for steering an ancient ship.

I was assured by Dr Jonathan Williams of the British Museum, when in search of a convincing illustration of an ancient rudder, that the 'palm' is an aplustre, an ornament for the stern of an ancient ship, composed of curved planks with streamers to show the direction of the wind. This certainly fits with a rudder; but why should Rebello have wished to adopt a crossed rudder and aplustre? I suggested then that the aplustre, a symbol of triumph, might allude to Rebello's commercial success in bringing goods to Britain from Portugal and elsewhere. The rudder (gubernaculum) in the context of Britannia suggests 'government', though the closest to steering the ship of state Rebello is known to have reached is the position of headborough in the parish of Hackney.

The illustration here shows Rebello's bookplate. Above the decorative initials D A R, similar to those on the token, is the crest of a bird's wing erect. Wings, says Randle Holme, are hieroglyphics of speed, and sometimes of protection and coverture. If the significance of a bird's wing could not be so much the speed of travelling as the fact of travelling, then the wing accompanying Rebello's initials on the bookplate might mean much the same as the aplustre and rudder accompanying D A R on the token. Of an aplustre, Addison had written in 1705 'The one holds a sword in her hand to represent the Iliad... as the other has an Aplustre to represent the Odyssy, or Voyage of Ulysses." Here there is no indication of speed; indeed the voyage of Ulysses lasted twenty years.



The suggestion of this note, then is that the aplustre and rudder in saltire on the reverse of the Hackney promissory token relate to Rebello's voyage to Britain from the country of his birth, Portugal. Such a private and personal reference, on what was after all a private token, may offer the most satisfactory explanation of a difficult device, of which the symbolism is not immediately apparent.

- <sup>1</sup> R. Holme, *The academy of armory*, Chester 1688, II, 303.
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#### The "Conder" Treasure Trove (A word-search puzzle) by Tom Fredette

This puzzle contains 75 words which describe many of the images that token designers used to convey the messages of those who commissioned their labor. It takes a lot of artistry to convey much in a small space and skilled diesinkers of the late Eighteenth century were able to do it. Much of the appeal of "Conder" tokens comes from the diesinker's artistry.

Look for words by reading from left to right, right to left, top to bottom, bottom to top and

diagonally. There may even be some letters which overlap.

Please enjoy the puzzle.

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3. Anvil
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5. Arrows
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8. Basket
9. Beehive
10. Book
11. Bridge
12. Buildings
13. Bust
14. Cannon
15. Cap
16. Castle
17. Cathedral
18. Chains
19. Chalice
20. Church
21. Cogwheel
22. Compass
23. Crescent
24. Crook
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27. Cypher

28. Dray
29. Drum
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32. Fireiron
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34. Fleece
35. Foot
36. Garden
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48. Monogram
49. Necklace
50. Numeral

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#### THE "CONDER" TREASURE TROVE

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#### by Tom Fredette

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### Token Congress 2007, Swindon, Wiltshire

So, what is a Token Congress? Here is what it is not. It is not a huge room full of tables with people selling things--- (well, for a short while that happens). It is not just a show, where you get a hotel room and only attend a bourse, for buy and sell.

It is, however, the place to meet and greet your fellow token collector every year, swap tokens, buy and sell tokens, and build a network of friends that last through the years. You are not alone in your hobby, and getting to know the collecting fraternity will give you as much pleasure that your collection gives you now, and also many advantages in the future that you can not even know. It is a place where members speak to the entire group on token topics determined by the speaker. It can be a research paper on a particular token or group of tokens, an over view of a series, or even a humorous take on a topic.

I began attending the Token Congress in the UK each year just because I enjoyed the people and the information I learned. The first year, I heard talks on things I had never heard of, and left knowing that I did not know much about British tokens at all. Over the years, I have learned, and enjoy the talks a great deal, as well as having made what are life long friends.



Bill McKivor in a 1934 London Taxi

This year's Congress was held at the Madison Hotel—located on a huge roundabout in Swindon, Wiltshire on 12-14 October 2007. As I am usually the only American to attend, I was happy to welcome three CTCC members from America, Mr. & Mrs., Jon Lusk, Michigan, and John Fisher, Pennsylvania. This year's Congress was hosted by Phil Mernick, Stuart Adams, and Tony Gilbert. The Congress moves about from place to place hosted each year by volunteers.



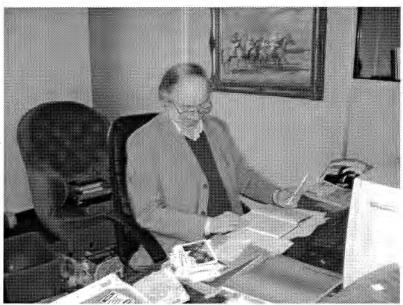
CTCC Journal Publisher John Fisher Shopping at Spink

This article is to explain a bit about the workings of a Congress. It should be noted that the UK congress is set up to include two nights in the hotel, and five or sometimes even six meals, all taken together as a group. Thus the British token congress is arranged to be all enclosed within the hotel. Arrival day is capped by a dinner that all attend. After that, an auction is held, with members bidding on things that other members have brought, part of the proceeds going to the Congress for expenses. Often the group disbands, some to the bar, others in small groups with collectors of like material for good talk.

After a good nights sleep, breakfast is the order of the morning, followed by the members assembling for the entire day of talks in one large meeting room.

The talks continue all day, with two "tea and coffee" breaks as well as lunch. This year the talk subjects ranged from Canadian tokens, tokens issued by women, a 17<sup>th</sup> century token mystery revealed, tokens from Bucks, Spade Guineas and pen advertising, the Mystery of Henry Morgan, "How green is my token", Oratory and Holophusicon, (theatre ticket related) and a business meeting and web site discussion. After dinner, the bourse was set up, and attendees got to buy and sell tokens. Any attendee may have a table, but it must be arranged in advance.

This is certainly a full day, and most go to bed quite tired. The bar is always an option, however!!



CTCC Vice President International Alan Judd at Work

The following day finds breakfast, more talks, and one break, finishing up about 1 PM, after which the congress is adjourned. The talks this day were on Calendar medals, 17<sup>th</sup> C tokens of Salisbury, A report on the revision of Williamson (17<sup>th</sup> C tokens), Researcher notes, a talk entitled "Nought to Eighty in thirty minutes", which was very entertaining, one on Digest tokens, and another on German New year pieces.

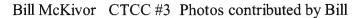
Though the sessions and the time seem fixed, there seems always to be time to discuss tokens with those with like interests. From the above Americans will see that there are subjects that seem to be nothing they ever heard of---but that is part of the charm. The Swindon congress was attended by 103 people, including authors, dealers, and collectors—in all, some of the best researchers and active token people in the UK.



Barry and Annette Sutton and their 1493 Vintage Restored Home

Americans are welcomed, and the other attendees this year are already planning to attend next year. The Congress will be at the Hilton Hotel in Warwick this year, October 10-12. If you wish to attend, a deposit is required, and I can see to that if you wish.

As well, please see my notes elsewhere in this issue about the 2009 Spring British Token Congress to be held in Seattle, WA, USA. I will try to have this information to you by the next issue. You are all invited to attend any and all of the Congress happenings!! If you do, you will want to come again.



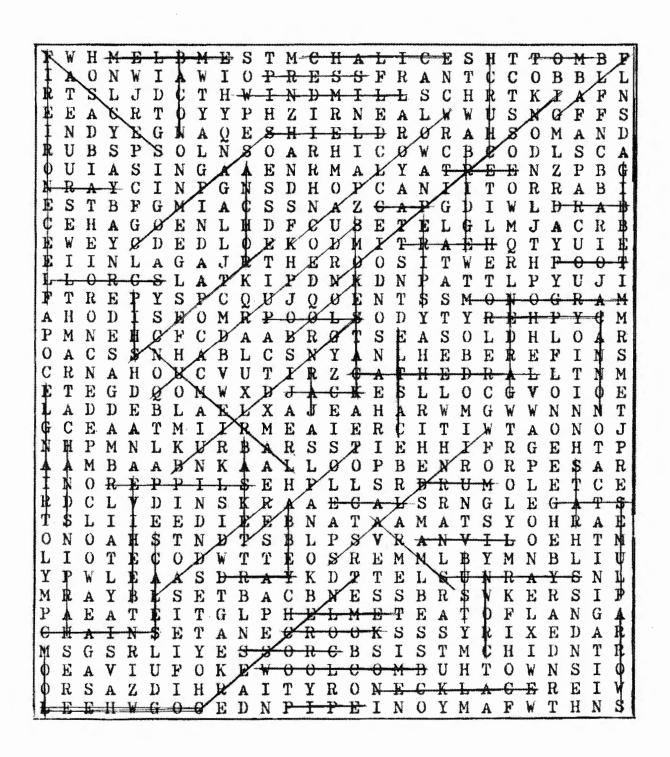


Sutton House sketched as it would have appeared in 1493

# THE "CONDER" TREASURE TROVE

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#### THE CONDER ERA – 1789

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Tokens by Charles Roe and Company and the Associated Irish Mine Company appeared in 1789 as the production of Conder tokens began to spread. This Wicklow 5 [1789] image is courtesy of Dave Stuart.



World events of 1789 center in France and the United States:

George Washington was elected first President of the United States.

Fletcher Christian lead the infamous mutiny on HMS Bounty against Captain Bligh.

In France, the Estates-General convened for the first time in 175 years and representatives of the Third Estate declared themselves to be the National Assembly. The National Assembly reconstituted itself as the National Constituent Assembly and began preparations for a French constitution.

Citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille and freed. seven prisoners, igniting the French Revolution.

The United States Bill of Rights was proposed and ratified.

The National Assembly of France approved the Declaration of the Raights of Man.

Mathematician Augustin Louis Cauchy was born.

Pears' soap was introduced by London soap maker Andrew Pears.

The Sapperton Tunnel was completed, at the time the longest tunnel dug in England.

William Wilberforce made his Abolition Speech in the House of Commons.

#### **Book Review**

### Andrew Wager, "The Mystery of Henry Morgan" A Numismatic Detective Story

I should suppose that if you are not one who collects the silver tokens from the years 1811-1813, you may think that Henry Morgan is a bloodthirsty pirate from the days of yore. This Henry Morgan has been called a pirate and "bad guy" in his own right---but for nearly 200 years his identity has remained a mystery.

Many merchants issued Shilling and Sixpence silver tokens during the years 1811-1813. Many of them found the makers themselves, and had them made, but one Henry Morgan advertised in papers that he "invented" the tokens and was a "licensed token maker", offering to manufacture tokens to the issuers specifications. That he did this there is no doubt, issuing at least 22% of all the tokens made---but later authors and researchers did not really know who he was. Some thought he did not exist, and others thought he was a "trade name" for one of the Birmingham manufacturers, such as Halliday or Thomason. Boyne, in his book, called him a "myth".

That we should be interested in him stems from the fact that he also appears to have made counterfeits, some of them very crude, and often seems to not have had the public's best interest at heart. He was, as Wager says, the most notorious 19<sup>th</sup> C token "manufacturer", and also the most mysterious, going out of his way to hide his doings and identity.

At the 2005 Token Congress Andrew Wager startled us with a talk in which he unmasked Morgan. His research continued, and in 2007 he has finally put a capper on it with his book that finally tells us all just who he was and what he was up to----to a point. You will enjoy this book, a true detective story which took Andrew three years to research and write, it follows Andrew's path as he searched archives and histories. Did he find him?---most who read the book think so. Andrew is fairly sure himself, but admits there is more to be found. But the hunt for the real "Henry Morgan" seems to be over. The cost, in the UK, is £19.95 plus shipping, available from Andrew Wager. For more information and ordering in the USA contact Bill McKivor (206) 244-8345.

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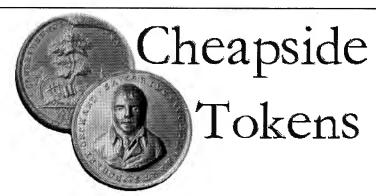


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- •Manville, Tokens of the Industrial Revolution. Foreign Silver Coins Countermarked for use in Great Britain, c. 1787-1828. A special publication of the British Numismatic Society. IAPN 2002 Book of the Year. A handsome hardcover volume, 307 pages plus 55 plates, many photos also in text. The book catalogs all known varieties of this series and includes population data and extensive historical background and context. Full index and bibliography. New. One available at the old price. \$75
- •H. E. Waters, Arthur. Notes on Eighteenth Century Tokens. Seaby. 1954. 53 pages of background notes and details. Essential for any token library with background information on mintages and rarity. Card covers. Long out-of-print. Fine and fresh but the covers have some minor tears. PRICE REDUCED \$45 \$38
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